

May 2024 Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month Bobby Malstrom



Left to Right: Paige O'Farrell, Outdoor Campus; Jennie Marks, Helpline Center; Bobby Malstrom, Honoree; Dawn Stephens, Wellmark BCBS of SD

The Helpline Center congratulates Bobby Malstrom on being named the Sioux Empire May 2024 Volunteer of the Month. Volunteer of the Month is an area-wide award program sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD. Bobby is nominated by the Outdoor Campus.

His nomination states, "Bobby is one of our regular Saturday volunteers. He's known for showing up just to say hi and help with whatever activities are happening around the Outdoor Campus. He helps with just about every class the Outdoor Campus offers throughout the year. Over the winter, he's a star volunteer during our ice fishing and Snow and Go programs. During the summer, you can find him on the fishing docks and archery range helping with open house programs, that attract well over 200 people.

Bobby has been volunteering at the Outdoor Campus-Sioux Falls since March of 2022. He is typically here at least once per week to help with various classes. Adult volunteers at the Outdoor Campus are asked to commit 50 hours of service in a year. As of June 2023, Bobby has donated over 180 hours to our organization.

Bobby has been an exceptional volunteer since day one. He always shows up in good spirits and is ready to help with whatever tasks need to be done. Bobby is always one of the first to step up and fill volunteer openings. It isn't uncommon for Bobby to show up unannounced to check in and see if there's anything he can help with. If you're here for a class on a Saturday, you'll likely see Bobby volunteering for the same class, and multiple other classes that day. He's typically helping at the Outdoor Campus every Saturday. Staff is always excited to see Bobby. He has quickly become a close friend to staff, volunteers, and participants of the Outdoor Campus.

Bobby is easily one of our best volunteers. He is always friendly and welcoming to visitors and class participants. He sets an example for other volunteers and staff with his leadership and problem-solving abilities. He always surprises staff with a new skill every time he's here. We would be lost without his helpful demeanor, leadership skills, ever-growing knowledge, and positive attitude. He quickly became a part of our Outdoor Campus family, and we are lucky to have him."

The Helpline Center is pleased to present Bobby with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul Ten Haken.



For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit volunteer.helplinecenter.org.